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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

:

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v. : SIPA Liquidation

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (BRL)

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

OBJECTION TO TRUSTEE'S DETERMINATION OF CLAIM

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The Jerome Fisher 2007 Living Trust (the "Trust"), by its undersigned attorneys, hereby objects to the Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim, dated October 19, 2009 (the "Determination Letter"), attached as Exhibit A, on the grounds set forth below.

Grounds for Objection

1. <u>First Objection</u>. 15 U.S.C. § 78fff-2(b) provides that a customer's claim shall be allowed in the amount of the customer's "net equity." The Trustee has determined the Trust's claim by comparing the total amounts that the Trust deposited with Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS") for the purchase of securities to the total amounts that the

Trust withdrew from its BLMIS account, without regard to the gains reflected on the Trust's final BLMIS statement or any prior such statements. This "cash in vs. cash out" approach is contrary to the language and legislative history of the Securities Investor Protection Act. For the reasons set forth in detail in the objections and memoranda of law filed by numerous other BLMIS customers, the Trust is entitled to an allowed customer claim equal to the account balance shown on its November 30, 2008 Madoff statement.

- 2. Second Objection. Even if the "cash in vs. cash out" approach employed by the Trustee were proper, the Trustee errs in his application of this method to the Trust, by giving the Trust less than full credit for four inter-account transfers that it received from another Madoff investor on June 30, September 26 and October 12, 2005 (collectively, the "Transfers"). The Trustee treats each of the Transfers as if it were a deposit of only a portion of the amount transferred (and in two instances, as if it were no deposit at all), on the ground that "the transferor account did not have sufficient principal available to effectuate the full transfer." Determination Letter at p. 2. This is not a valid basis to fail to credit the Trust for the full amount of each Transfer. Each Transfer was, in economic substance, a cash transfer no different than if the transferor had withdrawn the full transferred amount from its Madoff account and transferred these proceeds to the Trust, which in turn made a cash deposit of the same amount into its own BLMIS account. Each Transfer should be treated as a deposit equal to the full transferred amount.
- 3. <u>Third Objection</u>. Even if it were proper for the Trustee to employ his "cash in vs. cash out" approach *and* to adjust inter-account transfers to reflect the supposed amount of principal in the transferor account at the time of the transfer (both of which methods the Trust disputes), the Trustee's application of these approaches to the Trust would still be

flawed. Specifically, the Trust's records indicate that, employing the Trustee's approach, the "Adjusted Amount" for the June 30, 2005 inter-account transfer should be \$44,002,389, not \$43,838,171.32.

Relief Requested

For the reasons set forth above, the Bankruptcy Court should allow the Trust's claim in its entirety, and grant such other relief as may be just and equitable.

Dated: November 18, 2009

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EXHIBIT A

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC

In Liquidation

DECEMBER 11, 20081

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S DETERMINATION OF CLAIM

October 19, 2009

Jerome Fisher 2007 Living Trust c/o Kramer Naftalis & Frankel 1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036

Dear Jerome Fisher 2007 Living Trust:

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

The liquidation of the business of BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC ("BLMIS") is being conducted by Irving H. Picard, Trustee under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa et seq. ("SIPA"), pursuant to an order entered on December 15, 2008 by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The Trustee has made the following determination regarding your claim on BLMIS Account No. 1F0197 designated as Claim Number 011529:

Your claim for securities is **DENIED**. No securities were ever purchased for your account.

Further, based on the Trustee's analysis, the amount of money you withdrew from your account at BLMIS (total of \$77,200,000.00), as more fully set forth in Table 1 annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is greater than the amount that was deposited with BLMIS for the purchase of securities (total of \$60,538,171.32). As noted, no securities were ever purchased by BLMIS for your account.

¹ Section 78*Ill*(7)(B) of SIPA states that the filing date is "the date on which an application for a protective decree is filed under 78eee(a)(3)," except where the debtor is the subject of a proceeding pending before a United States court "in which a receiver, trustee, or liquidator for such debtor has been appointed and such proceeding was commenced before the date on which such application was filed, the term 'filing date' means the date on which such proceeding was commenced." Section 78*Ill*(7)(B). Thus, even though the Application for a protective decree was filed on December 15, 2008, the Filing Date in this action is on December 11, 2008.

Any and all profits reported to you by BLMIS on account statements were fictitious.

As reflected in Table 1, certain of the transfers into or out of your account have been adjusted. As part of the Trustee's analysis of accounts, the Trustee has assessed accounts based on a money in/money out analysis (i.e., has the investor deposited more or less than he or she withdrew from BLMIS). This analysis allows the Trustee to determine which part of an account's balance is originally invested principal and which part is fictitious gains that were fabricated by BLMIS. A customer's allowed claim is based on the amount of principal in the customer's account.

Whenever a customer requested a transfer from one account to another, the Trustee analyzed whether the transferor account had principal in the account at the time of the transfer. The available principal in the account was transferred to and credited in the transferee account. Thus, the reason that the adjusted amount of transferred deposits in Table 1 is less than the purported transfer amount is that the transferor account did not have sufficient principal available to effectuate the full transfer. The difference between the purported transfer amount and the adjusted transfer amount is the amount of fictitious gain that was transferred to or from your account. Under the money in/money out analysis, the Trustee does not give credit for fictitious gains in settling your allowed claim.

Since there were no profits to use either to purchase securities or to pay you any money beyond the amount that was deposited into your BLMIS account, the amount of money you received in excess of the deposits in your account (\$16,661,828.68) was taken from other customers and given to you. Accordingly, because you have withdrawn more than was deposited into your account, you do not have a positive "net equity" in your account and you are not entitled to an allowed claim in the BLMIS liquidation proceeding. Therefore, your claim is **DENIED** in its entirety.

Should a final and unappealable court order determine that the Trustee is incorrect in his interpretation of "net equity" and its corresponding application to the determination of customer claims, the Trustee will be bound by that order and will apply it retroactively to all previously determined customer claims in accordance with the Court's order. Nothing in this Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim shall be construed as a waiver of any rights or claims held by you in having your customer claim re-determined in accordance with any such Court order.

Nothing in this Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim shall be construed as a waiver of any rights or claims held by the Trustee against you.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: If you disagree with this determination and desire a hearing before Bankruptcy Judge Burton R. Lifland, you <u>MUST</u> file your written opposition, setting forth the grounds for your disagreement, referencing Bankruptcy Case No. 08-1789 (BRL) and attaching copies of any documents in support of your position, with the United States Bankruptcy Court and the Trustee within THIRTY DAYS after October 19, 2009, the date on which the Trustee mailed this notice.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: If you do not properly and timely file a written opposition, the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim will be deemed confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: If you properly and timely file a written opposition, a hearing date for this controversy will be obtained by the Trustee and you will be notified of that hearing date. Your failure to appear personally or through counsel at such hearing will result in the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim being confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: You must mail your opposition, if any, in accordance with the above procedure, to each of the following addresses:

Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York One Bowling Green New York, New York 10004

and

Irving H. Picard, Trustee c/o Baker & Hostetler LLP

45 Rockefeller Plaxa

New York, New York 1011

Irving H. Picard

Trustee for the Liquidation of the Business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC

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DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	ADJUSTED AMOUNT	
6/30/2005	TRANS FROM 1F015530	\$101,347,635.23	\$43,838,171.32	
8/4/2005	TRANS FROM 1F013730	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	
9/26/2005	TRANS FROM 1F015530	\$3,187,122.69	\$3,000,000.00	
10/12/2005	TRANS FROM 1F015530	\$359.32	\$0.00	
10/12/2005	TRANS FROM 1F015530	\$1,830.08	\$0.00	
11/16/2005	CHECK WIRE	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	
9/8/2006	CHECK WIRE	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	
1/8/2007	CHECK WIRE	\$11,000,000.00	\$11,000,000.00	
Total Deposits:		\$118,236,947.32	\$60,538,171.32	
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DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	ADJUSTED AMOUNT	
8/4/2005	CHECK WIRE	(\$2,000,000.00)	(\$2,000,000.00)	
8/8/2005	CHECK WIRE	(\$4,000,000.00)	(\$4,000,000.00)	
9/27/2005	CHECK WIRE	(\$12,000,000.00)	(\$12,000,000.00)	
9/29/2005	CHECK WIRE	(\$4,000,000.00)	(\$4,000,000.00)	
10/12/2005	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,600,000.00)	(\$1,600,000.00)	
12/20/2005	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,000,000.00)	(\$1,000,000.00)	
1/11/2006	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,000,000.00)	(\$1,000,000.00)	
1/11/2006	TRANS TO 1C131430	(\$5,000,000.00)	(\$5,000,000.00)	
1/18/2006	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,000,000.00)	(\$1,000,000.00)	
1/30/2006	CHECK WIRE	(\$5,000,000.00)	(\$5,000,000.00)	
3/21/2006	CHECK WIRE	(\$500,000.00)	(\$500,000.00)	
4/10/2006	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,000,000.00)	(\$1,000,000.00)	
4/26/2006	CHECK WIRE	(\$2,000,000.00)	(\$2,000,000.00)	
10/11/2006	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,500,000.00)	(\$1,500,000.00)	
12/5/2006	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,000,000.00)	(\$1,000,000.00)	
12/26/2006	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,000,000.00)	(\$1,000,000.00)	
1/9/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$5,000,000.00)	(\$5,000,000.00)	
2/2/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,500,000.00)	(\$1,500,000.00)	
3/29/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$3,500,000.00)	(\$3,500,000.00)	
4/10/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,100,000.00)	(\$1,100,000.00)	
4/17/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$4,500,000.00)	(\$4,500,000.00)	
6/15/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,500,000.00)	(\$1,500,000.00)	
6/27/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,500,000.00)	(\$1,500,000.00)	
8/28/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$3,500,000.00)	(\$3,500,000.00)	
9/12/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,000,000.00)	(\$1,000,000.00)	
11/15/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,000,000.00)	(\$1,000,000.00)	

Total deposits less withdrawals:		\$8,381,305.40	(\$16,661,828.68)
Total Withdrawals:	I	(\$109,855,641.92)	(\$77,200,000.00)
4/9/2008	TRANS TO 1F022230 A/O 4/1	(\$32,655,641.92)	\$0.00
3/13/2008	CHECK WIRE	(\$4,000,000.00)	(\$4,000,000.00)
3/6/2008	CHECK WIRE	(\$3,000,000.00)	(\$3,000,000.00)
12/24/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,000,000.00)	(\$1,000,000.00)
12/12/2007	CHECK WIRE	(\$1,500,000.00)	(\$1,500,000.00)